



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

MORITZ COLLEGE OF LAW

2018 HOODING CEREMONY

Friday, May Eleventh
Two Thousand and Eighteen
Two O'Clock in the Afternoon

Mershon Auditorium
1871 N. High Street
Columbus, OH

TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2018

On August 24, 2015, you became part of The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law community. Since you joined us that day three years ago, you have been an extraordinary group—raising us up as you evolved from students to professionals. A lot has happened here in those three years.

The William B. Saxbe Law Auditorium has been filled with discussions on everything from the future of data privacy, to racially charged tensions in communities around the country, to human trafficking, to the First Amendment, to groundbreaking Supreme Court decisions. You sat at the table with business leaders, politicians, managing partners, and general counsel at events organized by the Program on Law and Leadership; Law, Finance and Governance; and Mentoring and More. Countless attorneys and leaders in every imaginable field, including a Supreme Court justice and several United States senators and representatives, have come to your classrooms, student group meetings, and symposia. These speakers passed on their knowledge and insight for the future, which you carry with you, along with the professional degree you have earned.

Our curriculum evolves with the changes in the legal profession, and you were able to experience new Transactional Lawyering, The Lawyer in the Community, Computer Crime and Surveillance, and Marijuana Law and Policy courses, among others, as well as expansive externship opportunities. Some of you spent the summer at the University of Oxford in England or participated in our Washington, D.C. Summer Program, and others set their sights on gaining experience and making a difference right here in Ohio. Most impressively, the Class of 2018 performed more than 14,000 hours of pro bono work in local, state, and federal agencies and for nonprofit groups across the country.

At Moritz, we shared such annual events as the Student Bar Association Thanksgiving Dinner, the Black Law Students Association Soul Food Luncheon, the Public Interest Law Foundation Auction, and Race Judicata. The Class of 2018 was able to experience a newly renovated Career Services Suite and the new Public Service Law Center. You each took approximately 20 law school final exams, spent almost 1,100 hours in class, and a countless number of hours in the library studying.

Today, your journey changes course. We, your professors, along with your family and friends, are extremely proud of you. We look forward to seeing what you will do with your extraordinary lives and careers.

You are among the most educated and best prepared individuals to make a difference—in your communities, in the country, and in the world.

You are in the first stages of professional careers that will be important and rewarding. You will score victories and implement change; you will also come to know setbacks and disappointments. And, there will be as many career paths as there are members of this class. Whatever life brings your way, remember that you have the skills and training to make an impact, and your alma mater will be providing support and cheering you on.

We will continue our mission and will be waiting to hear from you. I hope you become one of the many alumni who remain connected to the college by returning to Drinko Hall to work with our students as mentors, serving as moot court judges, speaking on panels, donating to the Annual Fund to benefit others as you have been helped, recruiting students for your employers, and attending reunions to maintain that special Moritz connection.

Congratulations to the Class of 2018!



Alan C. Michaels

Dean and Edwin M. Cooperman Chair in Law

HOODING CEREMONY TRADITIONS

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

Academic attire was prescribed as early as 1321 in Portugal, and by the mid-14th century, certain English colleges forbade “excess in apparel.” Some authorities say academic garb was influenced heavily by the fact that monks or clerics made up the great majority of the scholarly community. Thus, hoods came about, it is said, to cover the shaved head. Others suggest that academic attire merely reflects certain facts of life in former times. The unheated rooms of medieval buildings, for example, made long gowns a practical necessity.

Ultimately, distinctive caps, gowns, and hoods developed for the institution, the field of learning, and for the level of academic achievement. American colleges and universities first established a code of academic dress at the end of the 19th century. Bachelors’ gowns have pointed sleeves and are worn closed. The gown for the doctorate degree has bell-shaped sleeves and may be worn open or closed. Black is the usual color for the gown, although some colleges allow those receiving a PhD to wear gowns of the color of the institution.

THE HOOD

Trimmings in black velvet or in the distinctive color of the discipline are on the gown and the hood. The lining color of the academic hood identifies the university that granted the highest degree held by the wearer. Scarlet and gray symbolize The Ohio State University. The color of the trim signifies the field of learning in which the degree was received. The color of the legal profession is purple.

Today, the investment of the Juris Doctor and LLM hood and the presentation of the diploma case, soon to be filled with the official diploma, acknowledge the hard work, dedication, and academic achievement of the graduates of the Class of 2018. The investment of the hood also carries with it a continuing commitment to the values and responsibilities represented by the Juris Doctor degree. This ceremony marks the passage from the status of student to that of practitioner in the learned profession of the law.

WITH APPRECIATION

The Class of 2018 wishes to express a special thank you to parents, families, and friends for the support they have provided over the past three years. The class thanks the faculty for faithfully guiding them through the tunnel to see the light of this day, the staff of the college for their service, and alumni for their ongoing support of the college. Members of the Class of 2018 hope to give back in full measure what has been given to them.

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY MORITZ COLLEGE OF LAW

In the fall of 1890, The Ohio State University won its first football game over Ohio Wesleyan 20-14. That same year, another team of students organized a different “game plan” to persuade the university’s Board of Trustees to provide formal instruction in law.

By the following spring, the young advocates scored a victory, and a resolution was passed for the establishment of a law department to be supported solely from student tuition, set at \$60 per year.

Classes began Oct. 1, 1891, in the Franklin County Courthouse with 33 students, including one woman. Instruction was provided by prominent lawyers under the administration of Ohio Supreme Court Justice Marshall J. Williams, who served as the first dean.

Financial problems beset the new law department, though. In 1892, Rutherford B. Hayes, chairman of the university’s Board of Trustees and former president of the United States, made a \$300 personal gift and encouraged support from others. University funding of \$1,500 was made available early in 1893; a full-time dean was appointed; and by 1894, classes were moved to the main campus. The Law Department was elevated to the status of a College of Law in 1896 and five years later became a charter member of the Association of American Law Schools.

Led today by Dean Alan C. Michaels, the Edwin M. Cooperman Chair in Law, the college celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2016. The \$30 million gift from Michael E. Moritz ’61 in 2001 provided for student scholarships and endowed faculty chairs, among many other initiatives.

The college boasts five student journals that contribute to the legal community’s body of knowledge: the *Ohio State Law Journal*, the *Ohio State Journal on Dispute Resolution*, the *Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law*, *I/S: A Journal of*

Law and Policy for the Information Society, and the *Ohio State Business Law Journal*. The college also has seven clinics, which provide students the chance to hone practical skills through representing actual clients in a variety of settings. Opportunities to study off-campus have expanded to include a summer program at the University of Oxford in England, and a summer program in Washington, D.C.

The Barrister Club was created with alumni donations to house programming for alumni and students, including the innovative Mentoring and More at Moritz program, which promotes professionalism and serves as a bridge between the theory and practice of law. Through the Distinguished Practitioners in Residence Program in Business Law, students take one-credit courses from prominent practitioners. In 2007, the college started the Program on Law and Leadership, which is committed to the idea that leadership education is a lifelong endeavor combining theoretical knowledge, practice, and applied skills.

Since 2010, the college’s series of Capstone Courses have given students intensive simulation experiences in professional problem-solving with practicing lawyers who are leaders in their fields. Finally, this year’s graduates were among the first students to experience learning opportunities through the Law, Finance and Governance program, and the Program on Data and Governance.

The handful of students who pioneered the founding of the college could not have envisioned The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law as it is today. The college’s proud past is the prologue to its exciting future as one of the nation’s premier public law schools.

THE JURIS DOCTOR AND LLM HOODING CEREMONY

ACADEMIC PROCESSION	The Eliza McGowan String Quartet <i>The audience will remain seated during procession.</i>	PRESENTATION OF 2018 JD CANDIDATES	Kathy Northern Associate Dean for Admissions; Robert M. Duncan/ Jones Day Designated Associate Professor of Law
PRESIDING	Alan C. Michaels Dean and Edwin M. Cooperman Chair in Law	INVESTMENT OF LLM AND JD HOODS	Ric Simmons Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer Professor for the Administration of Justice and Rule of Law
NATIONAL ANTHEM	"The Star-Spangled Banner" Led by Sarah Diab	AWARDING OF DIPLOMA CASES	Alan C. Michaels Dean and Edwin M. Cooperman Chair in Law
WELCOME	Kelsey J. Mullen President, Student Bar Association	PRESENTATION OF CLASS GIFT	Darren Nealy Assistant Dean of Students
MORITZ LEADERSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION	Alan C. Michaels Dean and Edwin M. Cooperman Chair in Law Lou Ann Moritz Ransom	ALUMNI WELCOME	Hon. Sara Lioi '87 President, Moritz Alumni Society
MORGAN E. SHIPMAN OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR AND STAFF AWARDS PRESENTATIONS	Allison S. Kelly Hooding Committee Co-Chair	ALMA MATER	“Carmen Ohio” Led by Sarah Diab Oh! Come let’s sing Ohio’s praise, And songs to Alma Mater raise; While our hearts rebounding thrill, With joy which death alone can still. Summer’s heat or Winter’s cold, The seasons pass, the years will roll; Time and change will surely show How firm thy friendship O-hi-o.
RESPONSE	Ric Simmons Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer Professor for the Administration of Justice and Rule of Law	RECESSIONAL	The Eliza McGowan String Quartet <i>The audience will remain seated after recessional.</i>
STUDENT AWARDS PRESENTATIONS	Paul Rose Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Frank E. and Virginia H. Bazler Designated Professor in Business Law Alan C. Michaels Dean and Edwin M. Cooperman Chair in Law	HOODING COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Allison S. Kelly , Chair Meg E. Sullivan , Chair Evin Z. Bachelor Hannah Barlow Kathryn Bartolomucci
JD GRADUATE ADDRESS	“The One Where We All Graduate” Shahed Al-asadi		
LLM GRADUATE ADDRESS	“E pluribus Moritz” Caroline Jean O'Connell		
PRESENTATION OF 2018 LLM CANDIDATES	Laura Fernández Assistant Dean for International and Graduate Affairs		

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Since joining the faculty of The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in 2003, Professor Ric Simmons' dedication to the craft of teaching has shaped generations of Moritz students.

Simmons, who teaches Evidence, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Computer Crime and Surveillance, has been recognized with several prestigious awards for teaching. He is a three-time Morgan E. Shipman Outstanding Professor Award winner, in 2006, 2012, and 2017. In 2012, he also received the Ohio State Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, becoming the 10th Moritz faculty member to win the award since 1967. Of the more than 4,000 Ohio State faculty eligible for the award, just 10 are granted each year. He also coaches Moritz's Evidence Moot Court team, which brought home the first place trophy from the Dean Jerome Prince Memorial Evidence Moot Court Competition in 2017.

Simmons' research examines the intersections of the Fourth Amendment and emerging technology. His scholarship has appeared in publications across the country and has examined critical issues like the search of cell phones (*Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law*), the use of new surveillance techniques (*New York University Annual Survey of American Law*), and hyper-intrusive surveillance (*Rutgers Law Review*). His research on the privatization of the criminal justice system has also appeared in the *Wake Forest Law Review* and in the *North Carolina Law Review*.

Among the several books and casebooks Simmons has penned, *LEARNING EVIDENCE: FROM THE FEDERAL RULES TO THE COURTROOM* (co-authored with Professor Deborah Merritt) is one of the most popular evidence texts in law schools across the country.

Simmons is a graduate of Stanford University, where he earned a BA in political science and a MA in international policy studies, and Columbia Law School, where he was a Stone Scholar and a senior editor of the *Columbia Law Review*. He clerked for the Honorable Laughlin E. Waters of the Central District of California in addition to serving for four years as an assistant district attorney for New York County. In 2016, he served on the Supreme Court of Ohio's Task Force to Examine Improvements to the Ohio Grand Jury System.

OUTSTANDING STAFF MEMBER

CYBELE SMITH

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE & PUBLIC INTEREST PROGRAMS



Since joining The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in 1998, Cybele Smith has been a trusted and encouraging advisor to students in their career searches. She advises all students but has a special place in her heart for those who wish to serve the public. As director of the Public Service Law Center, Smith advises soon-to-be lawyers who are interested in public interest and government sector jobs, honors programs, and fellowships. She coordinates the judicial clerkship application process and serves as the college's Loan Repayment Assistant Program (LRAP) coordinator. Smith also counsels students and alumni alike on how to land and change legal and JD preferred career paths in addition to preparing them for both summer and permanent jobs.

Smith has the privilege of serving as the administrator of the Captain Jonathan D. Grassbaugh Veterans Project which helps veterans facing legal issues in the areas of consumer law, landlord-tenant disputes, foreclosures, and relief from default judgment. She supervises law students and acts as a liaison to attorney supervisors.

In addition to her day-to-day responsibilities, Smith has served on the National Association Law Placement (NALP) Board of Directors and presented at the their annual conference and public service mini-conferences. She held the position of vice chair for conference planning for two NALP Educational Conferences in 2008 and 2013 and was also elected to serve as a NALP nominating committee member for the Midwest Region. She held a two-year term on the Equal Justice Works National Advisory Committee and more recently was the recipient of the Recognition of Service Excellence Award for her work with NALP in 2012.

Smith is also active in the greater university community. She completed a three-year term on The Ohio State University Staff Advisory Committee, and a two-year appointment to the university's Government Relations Committee. She has also served as a hearing panel volunteer for Ohio State's Office of Student Conduct. Smith is additionally involved with the Law and Leadership Institute, a diversity pipeline program for Ohio high school students. She has served on the Westerville Uptown Review Board and currently is serving a second five-year term on the Board of Zoning Appeals in her township.

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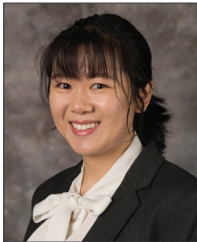
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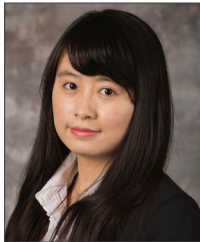
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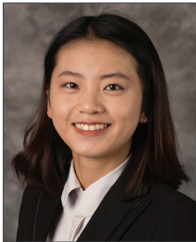
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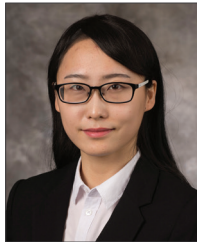
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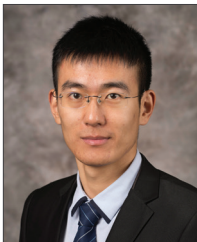
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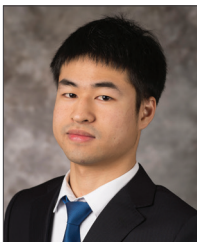
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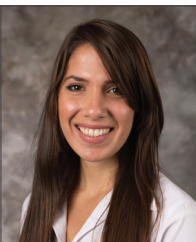
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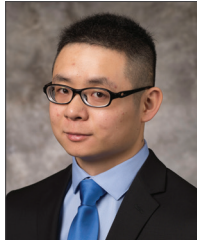
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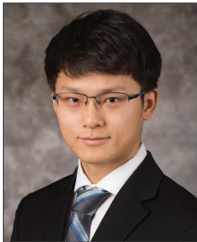
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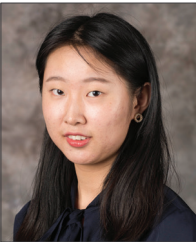
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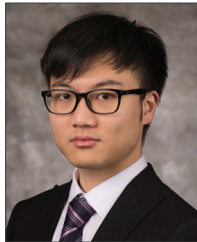
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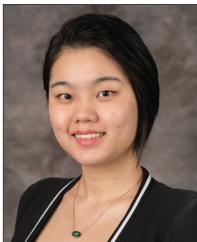
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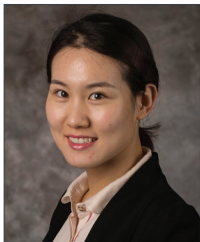
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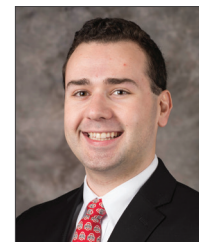
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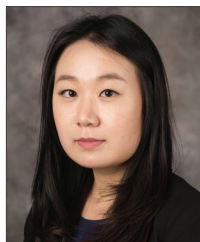
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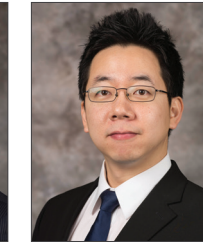
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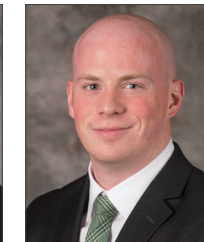
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